

Tuesday, January 21, 1997

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One hundred seventy-eight bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1–178, S. J. Res. 1–9, and S. Res. 15–19.

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Measures Passed:

Technical Correction: Senate passed H. J. Res. 25, making technical corrections to the Omnibus Consolidated Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104–208), clearing the measure for the President.

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Nomination—Time Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the nomination of Madeleine Korbelt Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of State on Wednesday, January 22, with a vote to occur thereon.

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Appointments:

Senate Arms Control Observer Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to S. Res. 105, adopted April 13, 1989, as amended by S. Res. 280, adopted October 8, 1994, announced the appointment of the following Senators as members of the Senate Arms Control Observer Group: Senators Biden, Byrd (designated to serve as Minority Administrative Co-Chairman), Bumpers, Daschle, Glenn, Kennedy, Kerrey, Levin (designated to serve as Co-Chairman for the Minority), Moynihan, and Sarbanes.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, a report concerning biological and chemical weapons; to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–5).

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Transmitting, a report on the continuation of the emergency regarding terrorists; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–6).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ayşe Manyas Kenmore, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Museum Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2000.

John T. Broderick, Jr., of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation for a term expiring July 13, 1999.

Susan E. Trees, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2002.

Jeffrey Davidow, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Foundation, for a term expiring September 20, 2002.

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 22, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S574.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings to examine the state of the United States economy and economic outlook, receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Monday, January 20, committee ordered favorably reported the nomi-

nation of Madeleine Korbelt Albright, of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of State.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 45 public bills, H.R. 452–496; and 11 resolutions, H.J. Res. 32–35, H. Con. Res. 9–11, and H. Res. 31–34, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Bereuter to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Select Committee on Ethics Report: By a recorded vote of 395 ayes to 28 noes with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 8, the House agreed to H. Res. 31, in the matter of Representative Newt Gingrich.

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Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Barr wherein he requests a leave of absence from the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

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Committee Elections: Agreed to H. Res. 31 and H. Res. 32, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives.

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Morning Hour Debate: It was made in order that on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week through the second session of the 105th Congress, the House shall convene 90 minutes earlier than the time otherwise established by order of the House for the purpose of conducting morning-hour debate.

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State of the Union Address: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 9, providing for the State of the Union address by the President on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

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Presidential Messages: Read the following messages from the President:

National Emergency re Middle East Peace Process: Message wherein he transmits his notice concerning the emergency declared with respect to the Middle East peace process—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–28); and

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Threat of Biological and Chemical Weapons: Message wherein he transmits his report describing the policy functions and operational roles of Federal agencies in countering the threat posed by biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction—referred to the Committee on National Security and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–29).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H234–35. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 12 noon and, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 3, adjourned at 2:24 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Committee Meetings

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Met for organizational purposes.

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Committee on Education and the Workforce: Met for organizational purposes.

OVERSIGHT—STATUS OF EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY PERSIAN GULF WAR SYNDROME

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations held an oversight hearing on the status of efforts to identify the Persian Gulf War syndrome. Testimony was heard from Donald Curtis, M.D., member, Presidential Advisory Committee on PGW Veterans’ Illnesses; Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Bernard Rostker, Special Assistant, PGW Illnesses, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Met for organizational purposes.

The Committee also approved oversight reports.